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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Karen L. Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 7, the phrase "or the like" renders the claim indefinite because the claim includes elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Weinstein et al. (US 2002/0191572).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Weinstein teaches a wireless network service provision method of providing communication services including internet connection by permitting access to a predetermined access point in a limitative area via wireless LAN

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or like local wireless interface, wherein: When a user subscribed to the communication service system accesses the pertinent access point, payload processing is executed in unique processing method to each user, and each user is discriminated based on data of the processed parts (Paragraph 0006, 0008, 0009, 0014 and 0017).

Regarding claims 2 and 8, Weinstein further teaches a plurality of payload processing methods capable of being used in the limitative area are prepared, and a processing method peculiar to each user is selectively adopted (Paragraph 0043, and 0098).

Regarding claims 3 and 9, Weinstein further teaches one of a plurality of preliminarily prepared processing methods is randomly selected for the payload processing (Paragraph 0043 and 0098).

Regarding claims 4 and 10, Weinstein further teaches the communication services are provided via a VLAN, to which a plurality of sub-networks are connected via a communication line (Paragraph 0040, 0041 and 0044).

Regarding claims 5 and 11, Weinstein further teaches the communication services are provided in an area, which covers hot spot communication services of providing internet connection and contents services in a predetermined place ((Paragraph 0042).

Regarding claims 6 and 12, Weinstein further teaches the communication services are provided by using data communication based on portal switch VLAN (Paragraph 0040).

Conclusion


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen L. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7487. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon and Thurs: 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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